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Honorable Norman Sisisky
Member, House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Sisisky:

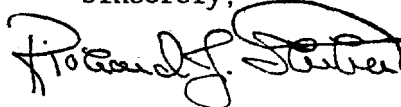
This is in reply to your letter of March 1, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Earl C. Salmon, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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March 1, 1993

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim
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Dear Ms. Solheim:

I have enclosed a copy of the correspondence I received
from Mr. Earl C. Salmon of 596 Dawnington Court, Manakin-Sabot,
Virginia 23103.

Please examine the contents and answer the questions

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Earl C. Salmon
596 Dawnington Ct.
Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103

February 22, 1993

The Honorable Norman Sisisky
309 County St., Suite 204
Portsmouth, VA 23704

Dear Representative Sisisky:

I am a retired employee of the Henrico County School System of Virginia. I have over the past 45, or so, years received many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes and have been a very active member of various radio control clubs in and about the Richmond area. As I am sure you are aware, all radio controlled models, such as airplanes, boats, helicopters, etc., operate from radio signals originating from a transmitter, usually held by the operator. I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are presently being considered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under their docket PR Docket 92-235. If these new rules are adopted, a substantial number of our frequencies which are currently assigned for our exclusive use will be substantially interfered with and decrease their usability. Presently our radio frequencies are in the 72 to 76 MHz band, which is a band used primarily for mobile dispatch operations; however, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart so that we have been able to share this band without either us or the mobile dispatch operations interfering with each other. Unfortunately, the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting the existing bands into narrow band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result if this, all of the frequencies will be more compressed and only 19 of our original frequencies will be left for our utilization. As I am sure you are aware, all of us have invested substantial time and money in constructing and improving our models and, unfortunately, if the new rules are adopted, many of our transmitters and receivers will be unusable due to the probability of dangerous interference.

Many times our models are operated at public events such as picnics, contests and other open air events and, inasmuch as some of our airplanes have wing spans of 10 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds, if we lose control of the airplane, spectators, as well as the operators, may have their lives and health endangered. Our airplanes fly at great speeds, even on occasion flying at 125 miles per hour, and even the slightest interference at that speed could cause us to lose control of our planes and destroy the plane or, more importantly, injure someone. Our country has had a great heritage in aviation and many of our innovations in aviation have

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resulted from experimentation in design first tried on radio controlled airplanes. Moreover, operating these radio controlled airplanes gives adults an opportunity to teach our children and grandchildren the principles of aerodynamic design and is intrinsically captivating to young children and young adults. At a time when many children are roaming the streets and are generally being mischievous, it would appear to be counterproductive to interfere, or possibly destroy, this productive leisure time activity.

Please help me, my family and friends, and other operators and their families and friends to be allowed to continue the safe enjoyment of our radio control frequencies by not allowing, or legislatively prohibiting, the FCC from carrying out its proposals for the 72/76 MHz band under their PR Docket 92-235. I would be